MENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir, one such case has been cited in the said report.

(b) The case is under investigation by the DDA. The instructions in this regard existed, which are given in the attached statement.

Statement

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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On the subject of secured advances, the following instructions are being issued to be strictly followed by all concerned including Divisional Accountants.

1. Secured advances should not be allowed unless the work has already been physically started at site or it can be taken up straight away. A certificate to this effect should be recorded in the bill and the measurement book in which the secured advance is proposed by the officer preparing the bill and the countersigned by the EE.

2. Market rates on the basis of which secured advance is sanctioned should be verified and compared with the rates published by the Delhi Admn. from time to time. The reasons for differences, if any, should be recorded by the AE concerned.

3. Secured advances should be sanctioned only for quantities brought actually at site and which are required for bonafide use of work. Measurements for such materials should be recorded in the measurement book. 100 per cent test check of the measurements should be carried out by the AE and certificate to this effect recorded on the bill. EE will, however, be responsible for the general correctness.

4. Secured advances should be sanctioned only for those quantities of materials which conform to the relevant specific and for which the required tests have been got carried out and the results obtained. A certificate to this effect should be given by the AE incharge of work before making payment of a secured advance to the contractor.

5. A strict watch should be kept on the materials on which secured advances have been paid to ensure that materials on actually consumed on work and are not removed by the contractor if any contractor makes an effort to remove the materials from the site of work, immediate action should be taken against the contractor and a theft report lodged with the Police.

6. Final bills of the contractors should not normally be passed for payment unless the observations/objections raised by the quality control cell or the Chief Technical Examiner are settled or dropped. EEs should take personal interest in getting the observations settled. Only in exceptional cases can the final bill be paid by with-holding an amount against pending observations. In such a case, however, EEs must ensure that a sufficient amount against all possible recoveries is withheld. The AE concerned should record a certificate which will be countersigned by the EE before the final bill is paid.

The above instructions are issued for strict compliance by all concerned including Divisional Accountant who will be held personally responsible in case of default. Strict disciplinary action would be taken against defaulting officers.

Awarding of contracts by the DA without inviting tenders

2151. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission on its 22nd Report had cited cases of the Delhi Development Authority awarding contracts without inviting tenders; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir, one such case has been cited in the said report

(b) DDA has issued charge sheets, for initiating major penalty proceedings, to the five engineers involved in the matter.

Estimates of Cost and commissioning of Haldia Fertilizer Project

2152. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what were the original estimates of cost and commissioning of the Haldia Fertiliezr Project and what have been its cost and time over-runs; and

(b) what are the latest estimates in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) The Haldia Fertilizer Project was originally estimated to cost Rs. 88.03 crores. It was to be commissioned in October, 1976. The latest cost estimate is Rs. 520.90 crores involving a cost escalation of Rs. 432.87 crores. No firm date has at present been fixed for commencement of commercial production.

Prevention of Land Degradation

2153. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 788 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th April, 1987 and to state the total expenditure incurred so far on the prevention of land degradation due to water and wind erosion, salinity and alkalinity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): The reply to the Unstarred Question No. 788 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1987 concerns with per capita cultivable land and its decline over the decades. The details of expenditure incurred upto 1985-86 on soil and water conservation for tackling the problem of soil erosion and land degradation due to water and wind erosion etc. are as follows:—

(i) On normal soil conservation programmes under the State and Central Sector Schemes since first Five Year Plans is about Rs. 1370 crores.

(ii) Funds provided as Central share during 1985-86 under National Watershed Development Programme for Rainfed Agriculture and Reclamation of alkali soils is about Rs. 2 crores.

(iii) In addition, siezable funds have also been flowing from 1974-75 through some schemes of rural development, such as, drought prone and desert development area programmes, having soil and water conservation components.

Asiad Village and Players' Hostel

2154. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the expenditure sanctioned out of the Asiad funds and actually incurred on the construction of the ASIAD village and of players' hostel near the Indira Gandhi Stadium;

(b) what were the original estimates of cost and time and also the final ones;

(c) how much has been spent on them on maintenance and further modifications after the Asian Games were over; and

(d) when and how these have been used after the Asiad either for ports activities or for other activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.